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Applicants: Varriale, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1724  
Serial No.: 09/675,464 ) Examiner: Thomas M. Lithgow  
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Multistage Liquid Filtration )

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 20, 2003, please consider the present response in light of the now complete listing of all of the claims. The present response is now believed to comply with the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 04, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.